



State of Washington

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 14-032: SOL DUC HATCHERY BARRIER REPAIR

#### Description of Proposal:

The Sol Duc Hatchery has been in continuous operation as a fish hatchery for approximately 50 years. The proposed project includes removing three fish passage barriers at the Sol Duc Hatchery. The structures are on an unnamed tributary to the Sol Duc River. Currently at the hatchery there are two barrier culverts sites 982713 and 982714 (see map). Both culverts are undersized presenting velocity barriers to fish. Downstream of the culverts there is an earth fill dam (site 982747) that is a complete blockage to fish passage. The earth fill dam spans approximately 15 yards and is approximately 5 feet high and forms a plastic lined pond with a standpipe and stop logs to control pond depth. The stream flows through an 18 inch corrugated steel pipe through the dam before returning to the stream channel downstream. The proposed project is to replace the two under sized culverts with stream simulation culverts, 8.25 ft span X 5.75 ft rise, the upper culvert is a 55 foot arc long pipe and the lower culvert is 45 foot arc long pipe. Both arc culverts will be filled approximately 2 feet with 3 inch minus material. The earthen dam will be removed and replaced with a channel trapezoidal in form with a two foot bottom, 1-1/2:1 side slopes and a profile slope of 5%. Please see drawings for more details. There is a head cut approximately downstream of the dam that has been moving upstream for many years, the channel will be reconstructed over a length of 170 feet and will include resloping of the head cut.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** WDFW Sol Duc Hatchery, 1423 Pavel Road, Beaver, Clallam County, Washington: Township 30N, Range 13W, Section 36.

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on June 14, 2014.**

**Method of Comment:**

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov)
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

**Responsible Official:** Lisa Wood

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** May 30, 2014

**SIGNATURE:**



## Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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